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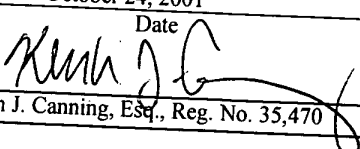
Re: U.S. Non-Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 09/903,374
Entitled: *Prosthesis and Method of Making a Prosthesis Having
An External Support Structure* - Filed: July 11, 2001
Inventors: Steve A. Herweck, Paul Martakos and Chad Carlton
Our Ref. No.: ATA-297

Dear Sir:

I enclose herewith for filing in the above-identified application the following:


1. Response to Notice To File Missing Parts of Application (2 pages);
2. Executed Declaration, Petition and Power of Attorney (6 pages);
3. Copy of Notice to File Missing Parts (1 page);
4. A check for \$477.00 (\$370.00 for basic filing fee, \$42.00 for extra claim fee, and \$65.00 for the late surcharge fee); and
5. A return mailroom postcard.

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of: Steve Herweck, et al.

Serial No.: 09/903,374

Filed: July 11, 2001

FOR: *PROSTHESIS AND METHOD OF MAKING A
PROSTHESIS HAVING AN EXTERNAL SUPPORT
STRUCTURE*

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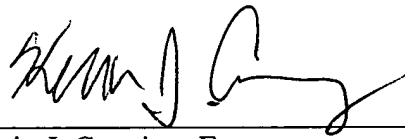
**RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS
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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Non-Provisional Application dated August 24, 2001, Applicants' attorney submits herewith the executed Declaration, Petition and Power of Attorney for the above-identified patent application. A check in the amount of \$477.00 (\$370.00 for basic filing fee, \$42.00 for extra independent claim fee, and \$65.00 for the late surcharge fee) is enclosed to cover the total amount owed by Applicant based on small entity status.

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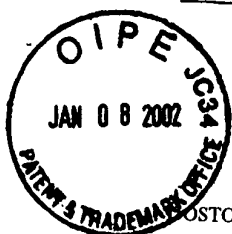
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Re: U.S. Patent Application No.: 09/903,374
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EXTERNAL SUPPORT STRUCTURE
Inventor: Steve A. Herweck et al.
Filed: July 11, 2001
Our Ref. No.: ATA-297

Dear Sir:

I enclose herewith for filing in the above-identified application the following:

- 1. Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement;
2. PTO Form 1449;
3. Copies of references cited in PTO Form 1449;
4. A Return Postcard.

No additional costs are believed to be due in connection with the filing of this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement. However, please charge any other necessary fees due in connection with the enclosed statement to our Deposit Order Account No. 12-0080. For this purpose, a duplicate of this sheet is attached.

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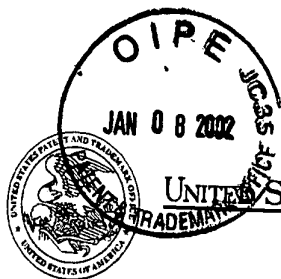
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An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.
Applicant must submit \$ 355 to complete the basic filing fee and/or file a small entity statement claiming such status (37 CFR 1.27).
- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$40.
 - \$40 for 1 independent claims over 3.
- The oath or declaration is unsigned.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$65 for a small entity in compliance with 37 CFR 1.27, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 460.

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